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1. SUMMARY: 739TH PLENARY MEETING WAS HELD MARCH 24.
JAPAN MADE DETAILED STATEMENT ON CW AND PRESENTED CW
WORKING PAPER. INDIA OFFICIALLY PLACED VIEWS ON MDW,
"LEVELS OF NATIONAL SECURITY," AND INCORRECTNESS OF CCD
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CONSIDERATION OF CTB INSTEAD OF CNWTB ON RECORD. HUNGARY
MADE STATEMENT ON MDW AND PROCEDURAL ISSUES. EGYPT MADE
BRIEF PRO-MDW STATEMENT. MEXICO MADE BRIEF STATEMENT
INTRODUCING WORKING PAPER ON CCD PROCEDURES. END SUMMARY.

2. THE 739TH PLENARY SESSION OF THE CCD CONVENED MORNING,
MARCH 24 WITH UK ALTERNATE REP (TAYLOR) IN CHAIR. JAPANESE

RE (OGISO) ADDRESSED COMMITTEE ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS (CW) SAYING "THE TIME HAS NOW COME FOR US TO TRY TO FIND A PRACTICAL MEANS" OF SOLVING THE TWO MAJOR PROBLEMS OF SCOPE OF PROHIBITION AND VERIFICATION.

3. REFERENCING THE METHOD OF ANNEXING SCHEDULES OF DRUGS WHICH ARE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO DEFINE AND NECESSARY TO CONTROL, CONTAINED IN THE NARCOTIC DRUGS CONVENTION OF 1964, JAPANESE REP SUGGESTED THAT ARTICLE I.A OF UK DRAFT SHOULD BE REVISED TO MAKE CLEAR WHICH AGENTS SHOULD BE PROHIBITED AND WHICH AGENTS SHOULD BE DECLARED AND CONTROLLED. JAPANESE PROPOSED REVISION OF ARTICLE I.A FOLLOWS:

"A. CHEMICAL AGENTS, LISTED IN ANNEXED TABLES I TO III, AND OF TYPES AND IN QUANTITIES THAT HAVE NO JUSTIFICATION FOR PROTECTIVE OR OTHER PEACEFUL PURPOSES".

TABLE I WOULD LIST AND TOTALLY PROHIBIT SINGLE PURPOSE AGENTS USED ONLY FOR WARFARE. TABLE II WOULD LIST AND PLACE UNDER SEPARATE CONTROL DUAL PURPOSE AGENTS WHICH MAY BE USED FOR BOTH PEACEFUL AND MILITARY PURPOSES. TABLE III WOULD LIST ALL OTHER CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES, NOT INCLUDED IN TABLES I OR II, BUT HAVING SUCH DANGEROUS CHARACTERISTICS THAT THEY COULD BE EMPLOYED AS CHEMICAL WEAPONS. TABLE III WOULD BE REVIEWED ON A PERIODIC BASIS TO DISCERN THE NEXESSITY OF TRANSFERRING ANY SUBSTANCE WHICH EVOLVES A WEAPONS POTENTIAL TO TABLE I OR II. THE FINAL DECISION ON WHETHER AN AGENT SHOULD BE LISTED OR TAKEN OUT OF TABLE WOULD BE MADE BY AN AGREEMENT OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STATE PARTIES TO THE TREATY.

4. JAPANESE REP MADE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS FOR PROCESS TO COMPLETE TABLES:

"(1) ALL TOXIC CHEMICAL AGENTS WHOSE TOXICITY IS ABOVE THE AGREED LEVEL SHOULD BE LISTED BY USING THE LD50 SPECTRUM;

(2) THEN, THOSE AGENTS WHICH THE STATE PARTIES TO THE TREATY AGREE TO CONSIDER UNSUITABLE AS CHEMICAL WARFARE AGENTS, JUDGING FROM THEIR SHELF-LIFE, PERCEPTIBILITY, VOLATILITY, EXPLOSION STABILITY AND SO ON SHOULD BE DELETED;

(3) FINALLY, CHEMICAL AGENTS WHICH ARE LOW IN TOXICITY BUT CAN BE USED AS CHEMICAL WARFARE AGENTS AND CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES WHICH BECOME CHEMICAL WARFARE AGENTS THROUGH REACTIONS BETWEEN THEIR DISCHARGES AND THEIR REACHING THE

OBJECTS, SHOULD BE ADDED WITH THE AGREEMENT OF THE STATE PARTIES TO THE TREATY."

5. IN LINE WITH ABOVE PROPOSED PROCESS, JAPANESE REP SUGGESTED REVISION OF ARTICLE I.B WHICH "WILL MAKE THE TABLES FOOLPROOF." REVISION FOLLOWS:

"B. MUNITIONS, EQUIPMENT OR SYSTEMS DESIGNED TO FILL UP, INSTALL OR DELIVER SUCH AGENTS SPECIFIED IN THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPH A, OR CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES WHICH ARE TO SHOW THE SAME EFFECT AS THOSE AGENTS SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH A. WHEN FIRED MUNITIONS REACH THE TARGETS."

6. ELABORATING ON UK DRAFT PROVISION TO DESTROY LETHAL CHEMICAL AGENTS (ARTICLE VII), JAPANESE REP SUGGESTED FOLLOWING PHASED PROGRAM:

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"(1) A STATE PARTY TO THE TREATY SHOULD DESTROY ALL THE CHEMICAL AGENTS LISTED IN TABLE I WITHIN A CERTAIN PERIOD (FOR EXAMPLE, FIVE YEARS), AND SHOULD DECLARE EACH YEAR THE AMOUNT OF THE AGENTS TO BE DESTROYED IN THE RESPECTIVE YEAR AND SHOULD ACTUALLY DESTROY THEM ACCORDING TO A CERTAIN PROCEDURE WHICH IS TO BE ASCERTAINED EACH TIME THROUGH AN ON-SITE VERIFICATION, AND THAT

(2) A STATE PARTY TO THE TREATY SHOULD SUBMIT ANNUALLY ESTIMATES OF REQUIREMENTS OF STOCKS, IMPORT AND PRODUCTION OF THOSE CHEMICAL AGENTS LISTED IN TABLE II, NECESSARY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES, AND A CONTROL SHOULD BE MADE ON THE AMOUNT OF THOSE DUAL PURPOSE AGENTS NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF THOSE AGENTS FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES."

7. JAPANESE REP SUBMITTED WORKING PAPER ENTITLED "SOME THOUGHTS ON THE INTERNATIONAL CONTROL OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS" (CCD/529) WHICH DETAILS THE ABOVE IDEAS, AND CONCLUDED SAYING HE HOPED THAT JAPANESE CONTRIBUTIONS WOULD LEAD TO "CONCRETE PROGRESS" TOWARD "EARLY COMPLETION" OF A CW BAN TREATY.

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8. INDIAN REP (JAIN) MADE STATEMENT PLACING GOI VIEWS ON
MDW AND CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS ON OFFICIAL RECORD AND SAID
THERE WAS "NO CLEAR DEFINITION OF EITHER OF THESE TWO
GROUPS OF WEAPONS", AND THAT "CLASSIFICATION OF WEAPONS
AS EITHER CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS OR WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION
REMAINS SOMEWHAT UNCLEAR AND INEXACT." PUSHING SUPPORT FOR
SOVIET MDW PROPOSAL, INDIAN REP SAID ELIMINATION OF
NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND ALL OTHER WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION
IS "IN LINE WITH THE ESTABLISHED PRIORITIES IN THE FIELD OF
DISARMAMENT" AND BILLED SOVIET PROPOSAL AS BOTH A "PRE-
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VENTIVE AND "CONFIDENCE-BUILDING" MEASURE. STATED THAT
CRITICISMS OF MDW PROPOSAL WERE "NOT VALID" AND "TOTALLY
UNJUSTIFIED." AS REGARDS ARGUMENT THAT NEW WEAPONS OF
MASS DESTRUCTION MUST BE CLEARLY DEFINED, INDIAN REP
STATED, "NONE OF THE WORLD-WIDE TREATIES, CONVENTIONS OR
PROTOCOLS CONCLUDED SO FAR, WHICH DEAL WITH NUCLEAR
WEAPONS OR OTHER WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION, CONTAIN ANY
DEFINITIONS OF SUCH WEAPONS." LAUNCHING INTO GOI STANCE
ON CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS, INDIAN REP SAID THAT "THE REAL

DANGER OF DIVERSION OF DISARMAMENT EFFORTS FROM THE PRIORITY TASKS AND PRESSING PROBLEMS" IS NOT IN THE SOVIET MDW PROPOSAL BUT "IN PROPOSALS FOR THE SO-CALLED CONTROLS ON CONVENTIONAL ARMAMENTS WITHOUT ANY MEANINGFUL CURBS ON THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE AND THE ADOPTION OF AN IMPOSED OR ARTIFICIAL REGIONAL APPROACH IN PLACE OF A TRULY WORLD-WIDE APPROACH." INDIAN REP EXPANDED ON PREVIOUS STATEMENTS ON CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS BY REAFFIRMING SOVEREIGNTY OF GOVERNMENTS IN DETERMINING THEIR OWN "LEVELS OF NATIONAL SECURITY" AND SAYING THAT "DEVELOPING COUNTRIES NEED CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS TO PRESERVE THEIR HARD-WON INDEPENDENCE FROM VARIOUS THREATS, INCLUDING NEW THREATS OF DESTABILIZATION." IN CONCLUDING, INDIAN REP EXPRESSED VIEW THAT PARTICIPATION OF FRANCE AND PRC IS "ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL" TO ACHIEVE PROGRESS TOWARD TOTAL DISARMAMENT, BUT THAT NO ORGANIZATIONAL FRAMEWORK OR PROCEDURAL ISSUE WILL KEEP THEM OUT OF CCD ONCE THEY ARE TRULY READY TO JOIN.

9. HUNGARIAN REP (DOMOKOS) MADE STATEMENT RUBBER-STAMPING SOVIET LINE ON MDW AND PROCEDURAL ISSUES. THREE ITEMS OF INTEREST EMERGED. HUNGARIAN REP RE-EMPHASIZED THAT CHEMICAL WEAPONS, ALTHOUGH WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION, WOULD NOT BE DEALT WITH IN CONTEXT OF TREATY ON NEW WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION. STATED THAT SPACE SHUTTLE COULD BE USED TO DELIVER WARHEADS IN ATMOSPHERE BELOW 160 KILOMETERS, AN ACTIVITY NOT PROHIBITED BY THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OUTER SPACE TREATY, AND THIS WOULD OPEN UP A "NEW AND DANGEROUS DIMENSION" IN THE FIELD OF ARMAMENTS. HUNGARIAN REP EXPRESSED HOPE THAT CO-CHAIRMAN WOULD PROPOSE ANOTHER SERIES OF INFORMALS WITH EXPERTS ON MDW. COMMENT: THIS IS FIRST INDICATION FROM EASTERN BLOC THAT SOVIETS MAY SEEK ANOTHER SERIES OF MDW INFORMALS DURING 1977 SUMMER SESSION OF CCD. END COMMENT. HUNGARIAN REP BROKE NO NEW GROUND IN COMMENTS ON PROCEDURAL ISSUES.

10. EGYPTIAN REP (EL-SHAFEI) MADE BRIEF STATEMENT SUPPORTING SOVIET INITIATIVE ON MDW. STATED THAT "CCD SHOULD CONTINUE THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS" ON MDW AND THAT EGYPTIAN DEL CONSIDERS SOVIET DRAFT TREATY ON MDW GUIDELINE FOR NEGOTIATING A TREATY.

11. INDIAN REP THEN AGAIN INTERVENED TO RESPOND TO REMARKS OF US REP MADE MARCH 22 (SEE REFTTEL), SAYING THAT TERM "COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN (CTB)" BE REPLACED BY "COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR WEAPONS TEST BAN (CNWTB)" BECAUSE "THE TERM CTB AMOUNTS TO SPEAKING A HALFTRUTH, ... WITHOUT USING THE WORDS 'OF NUCLEAR WWEAPONS'" AND REITERATED

GOI STAND ON PNE'S. NETHERLANDS REP (VAN DER KLAAUW)
STATED THAT UNGA HAD ADOPTED RESOLUTION ASKING CCD TO STUDY
ARMS CONTROL IMPLICATIONS OF PNE'S AND THAT THIS HAD
BEEN DONE; SUGGESTED THAT INDIAN REP SHOULD LOOK AT STUDY.
INDIAN REP SAID GOI HAD NOT SUPPORTED THAT RESOLUTION
AND THAT STATEMENT MADE BY INDIAN REP REFERRED TO
"REGULATION" OF PNE'S.

12. MEXICAN REP (GARCIA ROBLES) MADE STATEMENT AND
INTRODUCED NON-ALIGNED SPONSORED WORKING PAPER ON PRO-
CEDURES. (DETAILS PROVIDED SEPTTEL).

13. NEXT PLENARY MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MORNING
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